checkposts and intensification of combing and cordoning off operations against terrorists.

Hartal in the valley

2952. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many times call for "hartal" in the valley as given by the 'All Party Hurriat Conference' or one militant outfit or the other, during the last three months (May, June and July, 1994); and

(b) what was the ground/reason given for such 'hartals/strikes'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) As per information made available by the State Government call for hartal was given by APHC or other militant outfits 20 times during May, June and July, 1994. Generally the calls were given with reference to alleged excesses by the security forces; and sometimes on other specific issues for example the assassination of Dr. Qasi Nissar.

Prosecution of militants in connection with Hazratbal incident

2953. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of militants surrendered and arrested when the Hazratbal incident of October/ November, 1993 ended;

(b) under what provisions of law these militants were booked and are being prosecuted;

(c) whether it is a fact that some of those surrendered are now not traceable and have not reported to the investigating agencies or the courts; and

(d) by when the trial of the 'traceable' militants is likely to begin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) As per information made available by the Government of J & K, 62 persons came out of the Hazrat Bal Shrine and surrendered bcore the security forces on 16.11.1993. After initial screening, 35 persons were released on 18.11.93. Action as per law was initiated against the remaining persons. Two persons were convicted and awarded punishment by the Court for the period they had remained in custody. The others are on bail in pursuance of orders of the competent Court. Cases under TADA stand registered against them. There are no reports of any persons out of these being untraceable. No specific time can be indicated about commencement of the trial.

National Police Commission

2954. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFARIS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have forwarded the recommendations contained in the Reports of the National Police Commission (NPC) to the State Governments and has asked them to consider the Commission's recommendations and take an appropriate action;

(b) if so, what are the details of instructions or guidelines sent by the Government to the State Governments in this regard;

(c) whether Government have received any report from the State Governments about the action taken by them on the recommendation of the National Police Commission;

(d) if so, what are the details of the reports received from each State Government; and